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FROM: ALUSNA CARACAS

TO: Secretary of State

NO: DTG 212330Z NOVEMBER (NAVY MESSAGE)

SUBJECT:

ACTION CNO; INFORMATION SINGARIB, SINGARIB, COMSOLANT,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.A. CNO 202207Z; B. SINGARIB 191930Z; C. AMEMB CARACAS ACTION
STATE 580 NOTAL; D. DEPT STATE SUBJECT CIRCULAR 790 OCT 29.1. AFTER RECEIPT OF REF U AMEMBASSADOR ASKED ALUSNA TO DISCUSS
INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY WITH VEN CNO THE ATTITUDE OF VEN
NAVAL OFFICIALS TOWARDS BASING SHIPS IN VEN PORTS IN SUPPORT
OF QUARANTINE OPERATION SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY.2. ON 16 NOV ALUSNA DISCUSSED WITH RAMON GAMEZ, COPS VEN NAVY
WITH CONCURRENCE OF RAMON LOSA, CNO VEN NAVY AS TO WHAT WOULD
BE THEIR UNOFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD BASING US SHIPS IN
VENEZUELAN PORTS WITH OR WITHOUT SUPPORTING TENDERS IN SUPPORT
OF THE QUARANTINE OPERATION. ALUSNA ASSURED GAMEZ THAT THIS
WAS ONLY INFO AVAILABLE AT PRESENT, THAT THIS WAS AN UNOFFICIAL
QUERY, AND THAT ALUSNA KNEW OF NO PLANS FOR SUCH A MOVE.
GAMEZ REPLIED FOL:A. VEN NAVY AT PRESENT HAS NO OBJECTION UNOFFICIALLY AT THIS
TIME BUT THAT NATURALLY THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE TALKED
UP OFFICIALLY BETWEEN US AND VENEZUELAN GOVT AND WOULD
CONSULT WITH VEN MINDEF AND CNO. HE ALSO REMINDED ALUSNA
THAT AT PRESENT VEN GOVT REGS ARE THAT NOT MORE THAN 3
DESTROYERS OR EQUIVALENT ARE PERMITTED TO VISIT VENEZUELA
EVERY 3 MONTHS, BUT SHOULD EMERGENCIES ARISE, IT WOULD

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UNDoubtedly BE POSSIBLE TO GET A FAST CLEARANCE FOR US SHIP
TO ENTER VEN. PORTS.

2. THAT HE, GAMEZ, NO DOUBT THAT VEN. GOVT WOULD GET OUT OF
EMERGENCY SITU. BY BASE-LEASE AGREEMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES
AND THAT NAVY WOULD BACK VEN. GOVT. AT THIS POINT, BUT HE
REITERATED THAT UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS HE WAS SURE THAT
SHIP COULD BE BASED IN VENEZUELA INDEFINITELY IN SUPPORT OF
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUT THAT UNDOUBTEDLY NEGOTIATIONS FOR
SUCH A MOVE WOULD TAKE TIME AND WOULD BE INITIATED AT THE
DIP., NOT MILITARY, LEVEL.

3. ALBUQUERQUE REPLIED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT BASE-LEASE
AGREEMENTS AND THAT ABOVE WOULD BE PASSED TO US AMBASSADOR.
CONVERSATION WITH GAMEZ LASTED 15 MINUTES.

4. COMUSMILGP, CHAPMAN, CAPT W. H. HANCOCK JR., HAS BEEN
AMBASSADOR HAVE SEEN.

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